

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

On May 21, 2003, Governor Dave Freudenthal announced creation of the Local Government Coordinating Council, a council created by executive order and designed to give local governments a strong voice at the Capitol.

The Local Government Coordinating Council includes four representatives from county governments and four from municipal governments, appointed by the governor, plus one designee each from the Wyoming Association of Municipalities and the Wyoming County Commissioners Association.

Gov. Dave Freudenthal's appointments include:

- Louis Espinoza Sr., a member of the Rawlins City Council,
- Duane Evenson, mayor of Gillette,
- LaVertha Gotier, mayor of Worland,
- Tom Scherr, a member of the Cheyenne City Council,
- Marilyn Connolly, a member of the Johnson County Commission,
- Betty Fear, a member of the Sublette County Commission,
- Andy Schwartz, a member of the Teton County Commission, and
- Terry Wingerter, a member of the Natrona County Commission.

WAM, meanwhile, has chosen Rick Vonburg, its current president and a member of the Torrington City Council, to join the council. The WCCA has selected Bill Glanz, its current president and member of the Washakie County Commission.

Meeting quarterly in Cheyenne or elsewhere as determined, the Local Government Coordinating Council has taken on a number of tasks. Members will identify issues important to local governments and develop "innovative recommendations," according to the executive order, for addressing those issues.

They are also expected to develop strategies for ensuring local governments have and maintain a strong voice in the policy-making process of the legislative and executive branches. The LGCC will develop legislative recommendations as well as recommendations relating to the relationship between the executive branch and local governments.